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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTING ON RESULTS OF SCC AND OBCP

REF: TOKYO 1410

1. IN WAKE OF INITIAL POSITIVE REPORTS CAUSED BY PRE-SCC PRESS SPECULATION, JAPANESE PRESS REPORTING ON ACTUAL RESULTS OF 15TH SCC MEETING HAS BEEN GENERALLY DOWNBEAT. ACROSS-THE-BOARD REACTION HAS BEEN TO ACCENT NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF OBCP.

2. MAJOR THEMES OF CRITICISM ARE AS FOLLOW:

A. GOJ ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR REVERSION OF 50 PERCENT OF OKINAWA BASES, BUT WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE ONLY SOMEWHAT LESS THAN 10 PERCENT. COMMENT: THIS REPORT IS FALSE. GOJ NEVER ADVANCED ANY QUOTA FOR REDUCTIONS AND GENERALLY REFRAINED FROM REQUESTING RELEASES OF PARTICULAR FACILITIES. END COMMENT.

B. ONLY A MINOR PORTION OF THE BASES ARE TO BE COMPLETELY

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C. BECAUSE OF RELOCATION CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS ESTI-

MATED TO EXCEED Y100 BILLION, GOJ MUST PAY HEAVILY FOR RELEASES, AND MOST OF THE PROJECTED RELEASES WILL NOT BE REALIZED FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

3. CONCLUSIONS DRAWN BY PRESS GENERALLY AGREE THAT IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS JAPANESE SIDE SHOULD PRESS FOR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASES AND NO RELOCATION CONSTRUCTION. PRESS IS ALSO VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN CONCLUDING THAT "MEAGER" RESULTS OF OBCP NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENT STRONG EVIDENCE THAT US STRATEGY IN FAR EAST WILL NOT UNDERGO ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN NEAR FUTURE. MOST PAPERS, HOWEVER, URGE THE GOJ TO PERSIST IN AND ACCELERATE ITS NEGOTIATIONS FOR RETURN OF REMAINING US BASES.

4. DESPITE DISAPPOINTING TONE OF MEDIA REACTION, IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED, SINCE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT PRAISE FROM JAPANESE PRESS OF USG OR GOJ, PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECT CONNECTED WITH US MILITARY BASES IN JAPAN. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF OBCP STILL RESULTED IN NET BENEFIT FOR US SINCE IT IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT US CARRYING OUT OBLIGATIONS UNDER SOFA AND UPHOLDING PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENTS.  
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